

The Academy for Character Education at The Esteves School of Education  
at The Sage Colleges  
proudly presents the 14th Annual

# *Champions of Character*

**Awards Banquet**

*Wednesday April 26 2017 at the*

*Franklin Plaza Ballroom,*

4th & Grand Streets, Troy, New York

Honoring individuals, schools and organizations throughout New York State for their leadership and dedication to the vision and mission of fostering positive character development in our youth and communities.

## **The Honorary Committee Chairs:**

*Allan Stern and Dr. Susan C. Scrimshaw,*

*President, The Sage Colleges*



Banquet Chair Honorable Kathleen Jimino, Advisory Board Chair Randy Hall, Director of The Academy for Character Education Dr. John Walko; Associate Director Dr. Philip Fusco The Community Advisory & Educational Leadership Boards, and The Planning Committee including Honorable John T. McDonald III, Board Secretary Dr. John Sacca, Dr. Ellen Adams and Development Chair Mel Horowitz cordially invite you to attend the Champions of Character Awards Banquet.

A formal reply is requested.

Reception begins at 5:30 p.m.

*Dinner and Awards Celebration begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.*

\$49.00 per person

Proceeds will support positive character initiatives for students and educators.

Kindly complete the enclosed response form and return by April 12, 2017.



Honorary Committee members include: Honorable Kathy Jimino; Honorable John McDonald III; Randy Hall; Michael J Castellana CEO SEFCU; Fred Erlich CEO Living Resources; Dr. Susan R. Groesbeck Head of School Emma Willard School; Mel Horowitz; Honorable Paula A. Mahan Supervisor Town of Colonie; Dr. Angelina Maloney, Superintendent, Brunswick CSD; Josef M. Markowski; Marra's Pharmacy Cohoes; Joan Monk Yorktown Hts; Ralph Singh CEO Wisdom Thinkers; Dr. John Walko

*The final date to join the Honorary Committee and be included in event program is April 12, 2017. See page 4.*



## 2017 Honorees

### **Educators and Students:**

Laura Schmitz, Principal, Clayton A. Bouton High School  
Elizabeth Floud, Student, Mechanicville CSD  
Beth Martinez, Education Director, Albany Region of the Anti-Defamation League  
Patrick Mulligan, Teacher Leader, Jonas E. Salk Middle School  
Amara Grace Engel, Student, Chatham High School  
Linda Bille, Social Worker, Algonquin Middle School  
Margaret Rose Goodman, Teacher Leader, West Patent Elementary School  
Dr. Ralph Napolitano, Superintendent, Yorktown Central School District  
Sarah Hemmerle, Hannah Brisee, Catherine Hannigan, Students, Averill Park A World of Difference Club  
Brian Beaury, Basketball Coach, St. Rose College  
Liz Gialanella, Psy.D, School Psychologist, Albany High School  
John Sawchuk, Principal, Columbia High School  
John Carmello, Superintendent, Troy City CSD  
Emiley Filuta, Student, Carroll Hill  
Gretchen Lynch, Guidance Counselor, Shenendehowa High School  
Cheri Vandenberg, Guidance Counselor, Menands School  
Elizabeth Conners, Executive Director of Instruction and Assessment, Fulton City School  
Egypt Ufele, Youth Leader, Queens NY  
Asheena Baez, Assistant Director of Pupil Service & Building Principle, Beacon City School District

### **Business and Community Leadership Award:**

Lou Stutzke, Business Owner, Fuel-n-Food, Mayfield NY  
Seth Appert, Autism Advocate, Capital District  
Roberta Sandler and Mary Partridge-Brown, Directors of Grass Root Givers, Albany NY  
Jerry Ford, Founder, Block Center for Troy Boys & Girls Club, Troy NY  
Mark Weintraub, Jewish Community Center of Schenectady, Schenectady NY  
TrustCo Bank, Corporate Office in Glenville, NY

### **The Sage Colleges Champions of Character:**

Administrator, Kat Aviza  
Faculty, Dr. David A. Salomon  
Student, Kathleen Giarratano, Community Counseling of Psychology, Sage Graduate School  
Student, Kaylee Dalaba, Creative Arts Therapy, Russell Sage College

### **New York State Schools/Districts of Character:**

West Patent Elementary School, New York School of Character, Bedford Hills, BCSD  
Como Park Elementary School, Honorable Mention, Lancaster, LCSD  
Lee Road Elementary School, Honorable Mention, Wantagh, LUFSD

*Champions of Character Prime Sponsor Educational Vistas, Inc., CEO Scott Crowder*

*Yes!* I will attend the "Champions of Character" Awards Banquet.

(If you wish to join the Honorary Committee, please skip this page and proceed to page 4)

Please complete this response form in full. Please PRINT. Use a separate page for additional reservations.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Donations to The Academy may be tax deductible.**

**Methods of Supporting the Event** (designate as many as apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to attend the banquet (\$49 per attendee; award winner \$0)

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to reserve a ticket for a guest to this inspiring celebration (\$49) # of guests \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to reserve a table for ten, attached is a list of my attendees (\$500)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend; please donate my reservation to a worthy student /individual (\$49)\*

*\*Award Winners: one complimentary dinner per award.*

*Please state the name of the person who will be accepting the award:*

If hotel accommodations are needed we have arranged a **special \$107.99 nightly rate at Best Western Plus Franklin Square Inn** (across the street from the Franklin Plaza) which **includes parking and a full hot breakfast** (also honored two days before and after April 26th.) **Reservations may be made by calling 1-866-708-2233; mention the Sage Character Education rate.**

**Please select your entrée (s):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Rolled Filet of Sole with Crabmeat Stuffing \_\_\_\_\_ Breast of Capon with Demi Glacé

\_\_\_\_\_ Top Round of Beef with Demi Glacé \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Penne Primavera

\_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me about Vegan and/or Children's option(s).

**Congratulatory Messages & Advertisements [Please submit by April 12th]:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will place a message and/or advertisement in the event program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Page (\$400) \_\_\_\_\_ Half Page (\$225) \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter Page (\$99)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please add my name/organization to the list of supporters (\$25)\*

**Methods of Payment**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my Credit Card.

Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a check

\_\_\_\_\_ We will send a purchase order. (When The Academy receives this, we will send you an invoice.)

**Additional Information Request:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me about other ways to support the goals of Character Education, including sponsorship, volunteering, and/or joining the educator leadership board, community board, or a committee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me; I'd like to know more about The Academy. See [www.sage.edu/charactered](http://www.sage.edu/charactered)

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

***All reservations must be received by April 12, 2017. Thank you.***

**Mail to:**

The Academy for Character Education  
The Sage Colleges  
65 First Street  
Troy, NY 12180

*Yes!* I would like to join the Honorary Committee.

- I would like a VIP reservation (\$200, includes Honorary Committee and priority seating)\*
- I wish to be a member of the Honorary Committee (\$175, includes 1 reservation)\*
- As a member of the Honorary Committee I wish to reserve one additional reservation at \$35 for my guest (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Attending the Event [Please submit by April 12th]:**

- Please list my/our name(s) on the invitation as follows: \_\_\_\_\_
- I/We will attend this event. # of attendees \_\_\_\_\_
  - Please include my/our name(s) as Honorary Committee Member(s) on the program but **donate** my reservation for the Awards Banquet to a worthy student or individual.
  - We are unable to accept your invitation to be on the Honorary Committee but would like to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_\*.
  - I would like to place an advertisement in the event program. See below
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Have questions? Need additional information? Contact:  
Dr. John Walko, Director (518) 244-2336 or [charactered@sage.edu](mailto:charactered@sage.edu)